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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Tony Mahmoudi

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(4) Tony Mahmoudi.

Date of Interview: 25 August 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: None.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lipkin (U.S. Patent No. 6,721,747).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The attorneys of record discussed their views on the submitted exhibits (exhibits A through C, provided with the applicant's affidavit /declaration under rule 1.131), filed on 26-May-2005 and stated that the exhibits would satisfy the establishment of the "reduction to practice" as claimed by the applicant, disqualifying Lipkin as prior art. The examiner stated that the disclosed exhibits failed to provide a showing that the claimed invention actually existed and worked for its intended purpose at the time of claimed reduction to practice. As an example, the examiner pointed out that the exhibits did not clearly establish the limitation, "wherein the database wrapper provides an additional abstraction layer between the domain object factory and the business component."

The attorneys discussed the option of establishing "conception" prior to the Lipkin reference date, followed by proof of "diligence". The examiner suggested for the applicant to "propose" an amendment to the independent claims (as supported by the specifications), differentiating the invention from the cited prior art. The attorneys agreed to discuss an amendment proposal with the applicant for further discussions with the examiner.